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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A system for enabling a system user to request a subscription of at least one nonweb document from at least one database, comprising:

subscription requesting means for enabling the user to request the subscription of at least one non-web document from the at least one database;

search performing means for performing a search of the at least one database for information matching the subscription; and

subscription retrieving means for retrieving the information matching the subscription.

- 2. The system of claim 1, wherein the search performing means performs the search of the at least one database on a random basis.
- 3. The system of claim 2, wherein the search performing means performs the search on a random basis selected by the user.
- 4. The system of claim 1, further comprising option input means for enabling a user to input one or more options relating to the subscription.
- 5. The system of claim/1, further comprising subscription formula means for enabling the user to request a subscription using a formula.
 - 6. A system for enabling a system user to request a subscription of at least one non-web document from at least one database, comprising:

a subscription requesting object that enables the user to request the subscription of at least one non-web document from the at least one database;

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a search performing object that performs a search of the at least one database for information matching the subscription; and

a subscription retrieving object that retrieves the information matching the subscription.

- 7. The system of claim 6, wherein the search performing object performs the search of the at least one database on a random basis.
- 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the search performing object performs the search on a random basis selected by the user.
- 9. The system of claim 6, further comprising an option input object that enables a user to input one or more options relating to the subscription.
- 15 10. The system of claim 6, further comprising a subscription formula receiving object that enables the user to request a subscription using a formula.
 - 11. A method for enabling a system user to request a subscription of at least one non-web document from at least one database, comprising the steps of:

requesting a subscription for the at least one non-web document from the at least one database;

performing a search of the at least one database for information matching the subscription; and

retrieving the information matching the subscription.

12. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of presenting the information to the user.

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- 5 13. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of periodically searching the at least one database.
 - 14. The method of claim 13, wherein the step of periodically searching the at least database is performed on a random basis.
 - 15. The method of claim 14, wherein the step of periodically searching the at least one database is performed on a periodic basis selected by the user.
 - 16. A computer usable medium having computer readable code embodied therein for enabling a system user to request a subscription of at least one non-web document from at least one database, comprising:

subscription requesting computer readable code for causing a computer to request the subscription of at least one non-web document from the at least one database;

search performing computer readable code for causing a computer to perform a search of the at least one database for information matching the subscription; and

information retrieving computer readable code for causing a computer to retrieve the information matching the subscription.

- 20 17. The medium of claim 16, wherein the search performing computer readable code performs the search of the at least one database on a random basis.
 - 18. The medium of claim 17, wherein the search performing computer readable code performs the search on a random basis selected by the user.
- 19. The medium of claim 16, further comprising option input computer readable code
 25 for causing a computer to enable a user to input one or more options relating to the subscription.

The medium of claim 16, further comprising subscription formula computer readable code means for causing a computer to enable the user to request a subscription using a formula.